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Brazil, Schwartz and Jordan at October Meeting

In anticipation of the November elections, FBA presents candidates for D.C.'s Council Member at-Large seats. Appearing on October 28 will be Harold Brazil, Carol Schwartz, and Sam Jordan.

Brazil has represented Ward 6 on the City Council, and won the recent Democratic primary for the at-large seat. Carol Schwartz, former Council Member and candidate for mayor, is the winner of the Republican primary. Sam Jordan is the candidate for the Statehood party. At stake are two-at-large seats, one of which must be filled by a candidate other than a Democrat.

Come to hear how these candidates plan to make an impact on the city and its problems.

Be There On Election Day!

On Tuesday, November 5, a substantial list of candidates will appear on our ballots. Important local elections will take place, as well as those for president and vice president of the United States. Listed below are candidates we will vote for, starting with the Advisory Neighborhood Commission and City Council.

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(I indicates incumbent)

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2A02 Michael Geroe (I)
2A03 Maria Tyler (I)
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(two seats)

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U.S. Statehood Representative

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Hatchet Says GWU President Has Had Enough

An editorial in the September 12 issue of the GWU Hatchet is being reprinted in this issue, with permission. FBA Vice President Chris Lamb, a GWU graduate, has written a response on behalf of the FBA Executive Board. The News was unable to gain access to the entire interview with President Trachtenberg on which the editorial was based, but we are reprinting here comments we were allowed to have which bear on the University's relations with the Foggy Bottom community.

The first is taken from the front page article following the
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UPDATE

HVRB Hearings Continue on St. Paul's HVAC

The application of St. Paul's Church concerning its heating and air-conditioning unit has not yet been approved. The HVAC unit, replacing a smaller unit following the installation of the Church's new organ, is visible to Snow's Court, part of the Foggy Bottom historic district, and hence subject to the Historic Preservation Review Board. The Board, at its third hearing on the matter in September, found that a design for a structure to shield it from view does not yet comply with the Board's order issued in May. The Review Board at that time denied "the proposed metal screen as incompatible to the church," and recommended that "a new design which
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At the FBA Meeting. . . . Security Program To Be Discussed

by C.A. Mitchell

A private security patrol program for the Foggy Bottom Historic District will be discussed at the Foggy Bottom Association meeting on October 28 at 7:30 p.m. The program, to be funded by contributions from participating residents of the Historic District, is modeled on a program that has been operating successfully throughout Georgetown for the last several years.

The patrol would be provided by the Wells Fargo Guard Service, which has been operating the Georgetown programs. In the areas covered by these patrols, the total number of crimes has decreased by as much as 55%, and robberies and burglaries alone have decreased by as much as 80%.

If a patrol service is instituted in Foggy Bottom, an unarmed, uniformed guard carrying a cellular telephone would patrol the Historic District on days and at hours to be agreed upon by the participants. The guard's duties would include reporting suspicious activity to the police and escorting participating residents to and from their houses and cars. The escort service would be restricted to participants and

their guests. The guard would be an employee of Wells Fargo, and the residents' responsibilities would be limited to paying a monthly fee to fund the program. If approved by the FBA Executive Board and counsel, Wells Fargo would contract with the Foggy Bottom Association, rather than the residents, and the residents' fees would be paid to Wells Fargo through the FBA.

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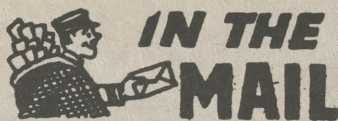
FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

Speakers:

Harold Brazil, Carol Schwartz & Sam Jordan, Candidates For Council-At-Large

Monday, October 28, 1996
Wyndham Bristol Hotel
2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
7:30 p.m.

(Next Meeting: Monday, November 25)



Hitting on Students, Again

"Go! — and never darken my door again!"

This is the heartless father, sending his erring daughter with her little bundle out into the storm.

Unfortunately this is the image of Foggy Bottom and Ward 2 residents as seen by too many GW and Georgetown students.

Some students, it is true, are guilty of thoughtless and even disorderly behavior. It might be barechested lounging outside a rented townhouse, or scattered trash at the curb, or late night carousing. We condemn this — but does anybody see NON-student police reports, or trash outside NON-student lodgings?

A most unfair example of the anti-student campaign is the new requirements for student car registration in Ward 2 proposed by Councilman Jack Evans. It is specifically discriminatory against Georgetown and GW University

students, already sorely overburdened by their school costs.

Students are trying in many ways to help in improving life here in Foggy Bottom. Witness the student cleanup of trashy areas, Foggy Bottom walking tours, GW police unit cooperating in combatting crime, "Q" Golparvar's and Jane Lingo's many community relations activities. Do not let the Vocal Minority of the ANC persuade Jack Evans to do this thing!

These students are our sons and daughters, they are full of beans and they are repeating some of the regrettable behavior many of us were guilty of in years past.

I want the Georgetown and GW students to know us as friendly and understanding people who want to help them, and who wish them well. Please, let's give our students a break!

Don Tobey

Security, continued from page 1

A rash of armed robberies in the Foggy Bottom Historic District this spring prompted several neighbors to look into the possibility of a private security patrol program for the Historic District. (Although a single guard can only patrol a limited geographical area successfully, e.g., the Historic District, it would be possible for other discrete neighborhoods within Foggy Bottom to organize their own security patrol programs.)

Unfortunately, the recent crimes were not isolated incidents. Every year there are several armed robberies in Foggy Bottom, as well as numerous home burglaries and thefts from automobiles. A private security guard program would be one well-established method to reduce crime where we live.

For further information before the meeting, call Paul Falon or C.A. Mitchell at (202) 337-8281.

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Thanks to the generosity of Foggy Bottom and West End residents, more than 7,000 books, magazines, CDs, records and book tapes were donated for the sale.

Lucille Duprat was in overall charge of organization and sales while Mary Lou Hennessy handled publicity. Two others who gave their time, energy, and talents were Sue Bosma, who sorted virtually half of the books, and Grace Watson, the Friends' Secretary and computer guru, who designed and printed the sale poster in addition to the organization's officers included Alexandra Blackhurst, Mary Brewster, Randall Brooks, and Helen Miko.

New Postal Regulations Take Effect

Effective immediately, and until further notice, domestic stamped parcels weighing 16 ounces and over, destined for delivery outside of the local overnight first class mail delivery area (Zip Codes 200-223); and all international and military APO/FPO mail weighing 16 ounces and over, can no longer be placed in postal collection boxes, lobby and apartment drop boxes/receptacles, and rural/curbside customer mailboxes. Instead the Postal Service is asking customers to present these items in person to their local post office or letter carrier. Any such mail incorrectly deposited will be returned to the sender. This change does not effect Express Mail items which can be deposited in Express Mail boxes.

The Postal Service had adopted the new measures to comply with new FAA security guidelines to maintain a safe flying environment for the public and a safe workplace for its employees.

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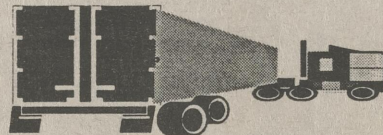
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"Buying Power" Shows Misconceptions

By Chris Lamb

On September 15, 1996 the George Washington University (GWU) student newspaper, The Hatchet, printed an editorial entitled, "Buying Power," which in many ways encapsulates the misconceptions regarding University-Foggy Bottom (FB) community relations.

1. It has been GWU's stated intention to buy all property within the existing campus boundaries since the early 1980s, prior to the current President's tenure.

2. While the University has a right to buy all property within its campus boundaries, by law such property must be used solely for University-related activities. The WETA project did not conform to this legal requirement.

3. The FB community has never opposed additional living space for students. Quite the contrary, the FB community has actively encouraged such development.

The FB community does not oppose a Health & Wellness Center. However, according to existing zoning law, the location for this building must be adjacent to the Smith Center.

A better FB community-University relationship could be easily accomplished if the University agreed to do 3 simple things:

1. Provide parking for students with cars.

2. Adequately house undergraduate students.

3. Stop purchasing or leasing property that is with the FB community but outside the campus boundaries.

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg has repeatedly stated that it is not inconceivable that at some time in the future all of Foggy Bottom will be incorporated into the GW campus. Is the FB community wrong for trying to protect their property from such a hostile takeover?

Hatchet, continued from page 1 interview, and contains all that was mentioned on the subject.

Recent administrative attention has focused on developmental issues and neighborhood concerns. Some demands that must fit into the administrative prospectus include the University's physical constraints, campus appearance and community interaction.

"I've been nothing but candid with everyone about this, that we will buy, for University purposes, land and buildings within the jurisdiction of the University plan so long as it's at a price we can afford," Trachtenberg said.

"Perhaps if the University was permitted to buy property throughout the city without any restrictions, we would be less con-

centrated and then less noticeable and then less provocative."

He also argued in favor of compromise from both sides. "I don't know what people want from us. We're not going to be so accommodating that we drop dead just to make them like us better."

Trachtenberg takes an equally decisive approach to Foggy Bottom relations.

"GW is a good neighbor," he said. People living in Foggy Bottom "have a very special perspective on the University. They lament that the city is changing."

Trachtenberg added that the administration remains committed to improvement on all levels.

Following is an excerpt from the interview which was broadcast over the campus radio station. Our thanks to Andy

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THE GW HATCHET An Independent Student Newspaper

Buying power

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg has had enough. He's had enough of fighting tooth and nail every time he wants to provide additional classroom or living space for the students in his charge. He's had enough of dispatching employees and students to clean up the neighborhood and put their best foot forward to Foggy Bottom residents, only to have their efforts ignored and rebuffed.

So Trachtenberg says it flat out and fearlessly — the University will buy up any property in the area as long as it falls within the Campus Plan and is affordable. He also says that compromise, not automatic accommodation from GW, is the only way town-gown relations in Foggy Bottom are going to improve.

There probably wasn't a person on campus more frustrated than Trachtenberg when GW's plans for a shared building with the WETA public television station were shattered by community complaints and zoning holdups. The planned Health and Wellness Center is still in limbo as area residents nit-pick about the size and shape of the building.

Trachtenberg is taking a tough stance here, but the community has left him little choice. In order to improve this University, expansion is a must, and when Foggy Bottom residents meet GW with hostility at every step, an aggressive stance is the only way to get anything done.

As we have said repeatedly, the University contributes as much, if not more, to this neighborhood as any of its other residents. We wonder, for instance, if Foggy Bottom would be as safe as it is without the added presence of University Police and the well-lit streets of campus.

Unfortunately, all this doesn't mean that Foggy Bottom residents will stop fighting a tougher GW. On the contrary, they will probably rally their efforts. But at least Trachtenberg and the GW administration will be ready.

Brill and Joanna Markell for providing a tape of the broadcast. Again, we are including only the remarks bearing on Foggy Bottom which were part of the broadcast.

Interviewer: The administration has what I would describe as a responsibility to the Foggy Bottom community as far as I guess our relations are concerned. How do you view that role?

Trachtenberg: Well, I don't know. I think all people have responsibilities to other people. None of us are living on desert islands, and we try very hard to be good neighbors. We constantly are seeking ways to be helpful to the community and not only to the Foggy Bottom community but to the city at large. GW is a notably,

conspicuously and actively vigorous good neighbor. Nevertheless, there are some people who live in Foggy Bottom who are unreconstructed; they have a very special perspective on the university; they will note the fact that the city is changing; some neighborhoods are perhaps growing, others are not. The fact of the matter is that the city itself has shrunk in population in the last decade, and some of the people who have moved out of the city to Prince Georges County and elsewhere have moved out of Foggy Bottom. They look at the fact that fewer people are living in Foggy Bottom. They look at the fact that fewer people are living in Foggy Bottom and that someone has to be guilty of this and they point to us and say it's our fault.

Update, continued from page 1 successfully encloses and integrates the mechanical system in a compatible manner" be provided. Several parties from the neighborhood testified in opposition to the application, including the Foggy Bottom Association and the Foggy Bottom Historic District Conservancy.

MPD Community-Oriented Policing Plan Announced

Chief Larry Soulsby has released the Metropolitan Police's Community-Oriented Policing plan, designed to move police from reacting to crimes as they occur to a proactive approach. According to a release from Kathy Smith, a Police Department volunteer, the project is geared to uniting police officers and residents in a team approach, with the understanding that public safety "is as much the responsibility of the community as of the police. Neither one can be successful without the help and cooperation of the other."

We anticipate that Capt. Barry Malkin, Lt. Patrick Burke, and Officers Medora or Connor of the 2nd District will discuss this at the next FBA meeting. More detailed information will also be printed in a future FBN issue as it becomes available.

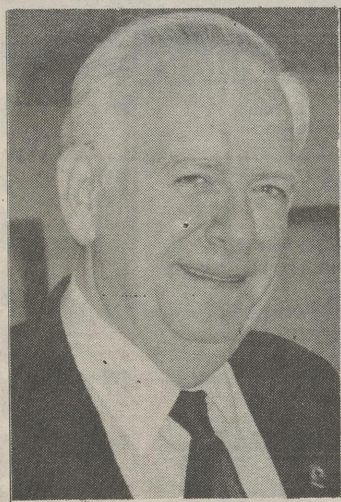
Another Safety Issue

According to the Wall Street Journal, there has been an increase in incidents of pickpocketing from customers in line at airports, due to the increased airlines safety procedures. Passengers are being warned to watch for persons bumping them or the like, and not be distracted by the new, inconvenient procedures for checking in at airports.

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Foggy Bottom — To Be Or Not To Be?

By The Observer

And there is no question: allowed to continue on this present collision course, our very special neighborhood will cease to be. In its place, Foggy Bottom will revert to the desolation and destruction that existed prior to the great reconstruction of the early 1950s. cursory inspections will camouflage the ugliness certain residents have brought — and continue to bring — (in increasing numbers) to residential Foggy Bottom.

During the initial curing of the slum conditions, in the 1950s, the small homes were designated "single family homes" with clearly defined regulations concerning unlawful uses and abuses within those living spaces.

Each resident was responsible for spic-and-span maintenance of the space in front of and around his/her property. The early "pioneers" fought long and hard with government, and succeeded finally to gain assistance with formal plans to design these blocks of small but very charming homes. Tree boxes bordered the curbs and new trees were planted. A brick pathway led from the curb's edge to the brick sidewalk directly in front of each house. (Can you find *your* brick pathway, or is it simply muddled over as each tenant leaves his/her own brand of carelessness and indifference?)

Considered ideal for the new homeowner, or the working couple, or the retiree, the rows of neat little homes soon were filled with the real doers of any community. The sound of lawn mowers over those tree boxes and the systematic click of shears around plantings heralded the eventual beauty and serenity of Washington's most desirable neighborhood — a veritable oasis in the center of the city.

Does anyone remember the unexpected splash of color and charm as you strolled (over cobblestone streets, no less) through Snows Court? Every window presented a planter box of flowers. The tiniest plot of ground displayed the owner's

unique sense of pride in planting and growth. The court was a major tourist attraction as the area's most glamorous alley village.

Venture through Snows Court today and see the near destruction to those homes where Betty and Irma and Martha once dwelt. Note the piles of trash against the wall of the St. James Hotel. Not too long ago, that wall boasted planter boxes filled with bougainvillea which arched over the wall, providing green coolness on a hot summer day. Small bromeliad trees brightened the dull telephone pole corner.

Vandalism destroyed the costly planter boxes. Fun-seeking students sprinted out of their

rear door at 1:30 a.m. and one by one the boxes were punched off the wall down into hotel's driveway. As the conscientious adults began moving out of Snows Court due to the student neighbors, the home owners replaced them with more students. I believe there exists only two who struggle to maintain a semblance of its former beauty.

Unless we reverse the present ordinance which allows student rentals, Snows Court is destined to become slum tenement housing as are several other blocks where students are becoming the majority. One after another, the homes wear the desolate



banner of neglect: trash is now accepted front yard landscaping, boxes, bottles and cigarette butts are tossed carelessly over plants which some caring owner gardened not so many years ago.

Many, students do not rake leaves, shovel snow, nor make any attempt to enhance their surroundings. Nor do their absentee owners care how their tenants live. They seldom come around to check on the type of people they entrusted their homes to. But we, who are stretched beyond normal patience, are supposed to tolerate these students who have assaulted our lives and our senses. There are measures we may pursue against those cavalier and absent homeowners. (These will be discussed at the end of this article.)

Behavior Is Appalling

The arrogance and inconsiderate behavior of some students, as reported by long-residing citizens, are appalling: Riding roller blades through

apartment corridors (Bonwit Plaza); stealing Safeway carts and parking them in apartment hallways (Elise); stretching out on floors of apartment halls "doing homework" as though living in some dormitory — oblivious of adult workers (26th Street).

Students who live in the houses use them only for shelters. Only 2% of students observe the recycling regulations. The majority simply "sneak" their glass and plastics into their regular trash, so proud that it was picked up, without a shred of concern for the extra work it makes for the DPW employees.

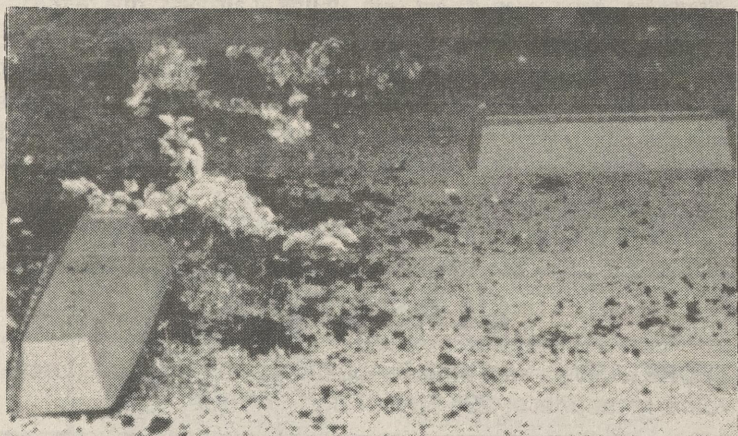
own parents? Most of us have already raised our children. I resent having to clean up and "move over" for someone else's offspring. It's our turn to relax and enjoy our small houses, small gardens and pleasant surroundings. Today, in order to enjoy a view from our windows, we are forced to clean up after these uninhibited, often impudent boys and girls. There is no end to the outrageous behavior of today's students. Just for the "hell of it," partying students slipped their trash (and beer cans) under windshield wipers of parked cars which stretched the wipers to uselessness.

A Stroll of Sad Dejection

A walk down any street can be a stroll of sad dejection. You see a small front yard, which once was lovingly gardened and now is overrun with weeds, unruly grass, broken rose bushes — bent under the weight of beer kegs, or even motorcycles. It creates such a sense of loss and renewed anger over these disorderly residents.

It had been the dream most of us strove for all those years; home paid for, retirement, and peace; to walk among friends on neat sidewalks, to welcome new homeowners with their young children; to enjoy the sounds of tots playing those little yards.

Instead, we dodge flying frisbees or speeding bicycles racing down the sidewalk. We are treated to the ugly, dirty cigarette butts strewn all over the sidewalks that front a stu-



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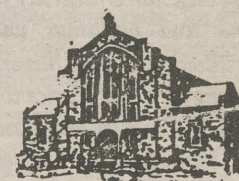
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dent "shelter." See the butts, and know the residents are GW "party" students. Usually their yards are equipped with the status beer keg to add to the disgrace.



I'm always amused when a student "kindly" informs his neighbors that he is going to have a party that night. What does the (frightening) warning mean? That we should reserve a hotel room for the night? Hurry to buy prescription ear plugs? What?? At any rate, no amount of warning can prepare you for the ritualistic sounds that seep through mutual walls! You need not tolerate excessively loud music. You need not be intimidated by the I-Me generation. There is a special number to call (listed at the end of this article).

The constant moving in and moving out is in itself a source of visual assault. Without direction from home owners, the students pile trash up and we're left to dispense with their leavings — mildewed couches, old mattresses and furniture of indefinable description. (The city no longer has bulk trash pickup, so we are left with it. GWU tries to help, but isn't always successful.)

It is not discrimination to

disallow students in our four square blocks of historic designated homes. It is discrimination against established, concerned residents to have their peace and lifestyle shattered. (A class action suit against homeowners near another university was won by student-harassed neighbors.)

Until we regain control of the Historic District, we should seek *triple* taxes on property owned by those who rent to students. It is our taxes that must pay for those extra crews to haul away excessive student debris. The owners should subsidize the entire cost.

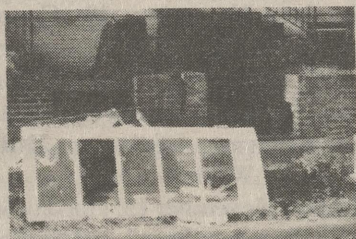
Meanwhile, get photographs of obvious trash violations. Have surrounding neighbors sign a petition. Send all this to the owner. If nothing is done, report it to DPW and fines will be issued.

Above all, never allow students to intimidate you. Don't roll over and let them get away with outrageous behavior. Unfortunately the lady who was struck with a flying frisbee did not see the house the boys ran into. Nor did the two people who saw students stealing grocery carts from Safeway know exactly where they ran to. Safeway advises us to attempt to follow them to their destination. Report it to Safeway and they will knock on their doors. This is stealing and the cost of replacing stolen carts is passed to us as consumers. Safeway estimates

it has had to purchase 75 carts each six months due to missing shopping carts. Just the unmitigated audacity of these students to feel it is their right to steal a cart when they shop at Safeway! (The *GW Hatchet*, the student newspaper, just reported that the Safeway is completely out of carts and short on baskets.)

"We Must Make Way For Progress"

Insidious encroachment by George Washington University must be curbed even if it takes an "Act of Congress" *literally*. How did the condescending Mr. Trachtenberg word it? "It



would be nice to keep things 'warm and fuzzy' but we must make way for progress." To him, progress is mowing down the neighborhood, and posting another silhouette on some monstrous edifice (or blue number sign on another residence or apartment house).

We must not be swayed by his offers to use University facilities. While one hand is extended in invitation, the other hand is directing more destruction. Mr. Trachtenberg refused to abide by the written law prohibiting the spread of the University west of 23rd Street. Many suspect the University is buying up homes under a disguised name.

It is up to Mr. Trachtenberg to herd the students into their own area with their peers — where they can wallow in their own squalor without interference from any of us.

Some of you may remember an earlier article by this Observer projecting the scene in Foggy Bottom in 25 years. It is frightening to see so many of those "imagined" fears come to fruition in just three years!

The Observer's message in this article is to promote active



retaliation against offending homeowners who care nothing about Foggy Bottom; who make no effort to attract adults. By advertising a "rent with responsibility" clause, they could lower the rent for that person willing to make minor improvements or small repairs.

We have to regain our special neighborhood which includes 24th to 26th Street and from K Street to Virginia Avenue. Just four square blocks! They should be ours again. It is foolish to move out because of student invasion. You were here first and your perseverance changed slums into a showplace. Use that same perseverance to keep the students out. It can be done!

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are deteriorating homes harboring a deteriorating society. As one absentee owner explained: "No, I'm not interested in lowering the rent to attract a better tenant. I just put in \$100.00 worth of new carpeting when a group leaves and use the tax deduction." Nothing else is done to the house and the students could not care less about their "dens."

This writer was asked to commend those rare students who try to encourage their peers to cooperate with the neighborhood. We *do* know you and appreciate your efforts. But you are too few.

Let Mr. Trachtenberg practice his progress in Spring Valley and let us keep our "warm and fuzzy." Call 645-6179 for continued (one week plus) trash accumulation;



meet busy, productive workers rushing down the street, see familiar faces to wave to or to stop to have a stimulating conversation with, observing men and women with briefcases or totes instead of backpacks will alone be a visual utopia.

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In addition to the Whitehurst Freeway project, other projects in our area are in the 1996 DPW budget, according to the Rock Creek Current. Among them are 25th Street from Pennsylvania Avenue to M Street, 22nd from Constitution Avenue to C Street, 18th from C to D and 19th from Pennsylvania to E (to be completed in FY 1996). Others to be "under construction" within the fiscal year are 20th from M to New Hampshire; 22nd from H to I; and M from 28th to 35th — that will cause a jam!

St. Stephen's To Party On Halloween

On Thursday, October 31, from 7:00-10:00 p.m., the Church of St. Stephen Martyr (corner of 25th St. and Pennsylvania Ave.) will host a Halloween Masquerade party, with refreshments, games, music, door prizes and a costume contest. This will be a benefit for the music program at St. Stephen's, and the cost will be \$5.00 per person for anyone over 16, children under 16 admitted free. This event is open to children and adults of all ages.

David Hamod Named "Rotarian of the Year"

The Rotary Club of Washington, D.C. has named David Hamod, a resident of the West End at 2124 Eye Street, as its "Rotarian of the Year." Hamod was honored for leadership roles in the organization of business people dedicated to community service. As Director of the Club's International Service, he carried out projects which raised substantial funds and resources for overseas charity projects. Hamod's wife, Jean Swift, is a member of the Foggy Bottom/West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

Song Contest Winner At Western

Bob Orr, a member of Western Presbyterian Church, will present a piano recital of his music at the Church on Saturday, November 16, at 7:30 p.m. The event celebrates the release of his compact disc entitled "Full Circle." The title song "Full Circle" won first prize in the open category and second runner-up overall in the Songwriters' Association of Washington annual contest.

Neighborhood Datebook

Saturday, October 26: West End Citizens Association meeting, State Plaza Hotel, 2116 F Street, N.W. Everyone invited, refreshments served. 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Monday, October 28: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, featuring candidates for City Council At Large seats. Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 31: Halloween Masquerade Party, St. Stephen Martyr Church, 25th & Pennsylvania Avenue. Admission \$5.00 (children free) to benefit music program. 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 2: GWU Student Association neighborhood clean-up. Information available at Foggy Bottom Association meeting, or by calling Student Association office, 994-7100.

Sunday, November 10: Concert, National Musical Arts Chamber Ensemble, performing "Angels and Insects," music of Donald Crockett, George Frederick Handel and W.A. Mozart. National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W. 4:00 p.m.

Friday, November 15: Holiday Sale, sponsored by the Women's Board, GWU Hospital, featuring decorations and gifts for Thanksgiving,

Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanza, as well as baked goodies. (See article elsewhere in this issue.) Main lobby of the hospital, 23rd Street between I Street and Washington Circle. 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, November 16: Recital by Bob Orr, member of Western Presbyterian Church, marking the release of compact disc of Orr's compositions. (See article elsewhere in this issue.) Western Presbyterian Church, 24th & G Streets, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 21: Great American Smokeout.

Thursday, November 21: "Looking American — Exercising Their Options: Women's Gym Clothes from Bloomers to Bodysuits." Presentation by Ellen Hughes, Division of Social History. Reception Suite, Museum of American History. 12:00 noon.

Sunday, November 24: Concert, University of Maryland Chorale, Dr. Roger Folstrom, Conductor, featuring works by Aaron Copland, Howard Hanson, and other American composers. United Church, 20th & G Streets. Free will offering requested. 4:00 p.m.

Do you have some news to share? A nice story about one of your neighbors? Word about happenings or about-to-be-happenings in Foggy Bottom/West End are always welcome for the News. Write to the FBN care of the West End Library, or call 337-5528.

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- Smith Center athletic facilities in the summer for a small fee
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Neighbors Working With Neighbors

The George Washington University also offers continuous cooperation and participation in community improvement measures. Safety improvement measures include: Winter snow removal and repair of university sidewalks; The installation of approximately 150 new lights in areas such as Medical Center Plaza, Gelman Yard and in and around public streets; and clean-up efforts including work with the West End Citizens Association to clear illegal posters and graffiti, and removal of bulk items at the end of spring and fall semesters for students living in off-campus rental properties.

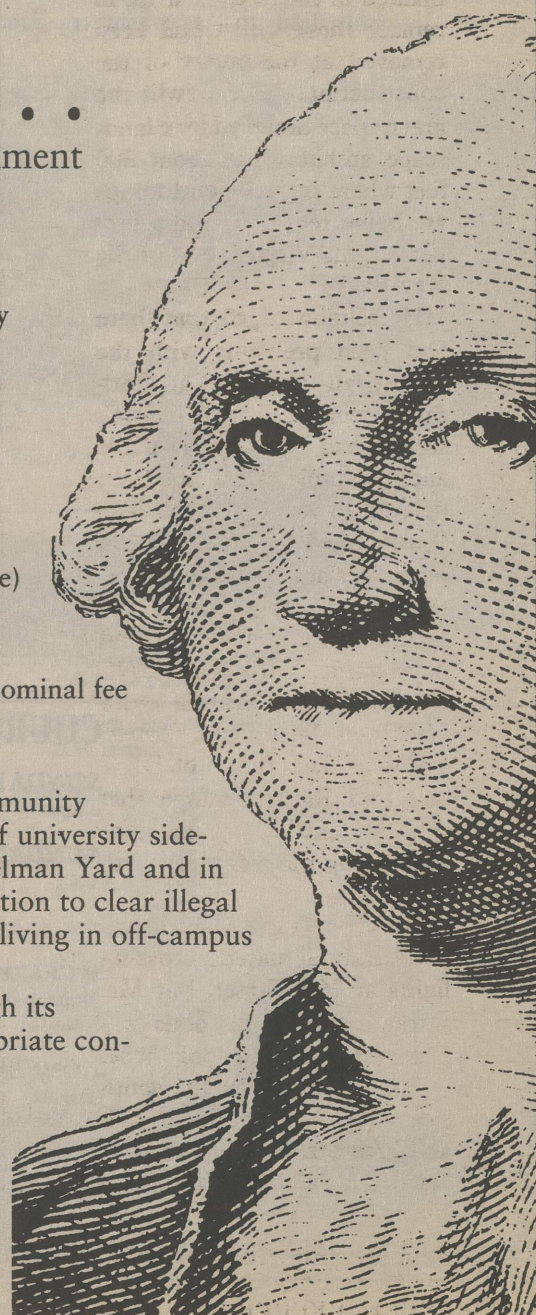
The George Washington University realizes the responsibility to educate its own students through its Code of Student Conduct to make them better neighbors and there is "A Quick Guide" for appropriate conduct for off-campus students.

By continuously addressing community needs and providing support to the Foggy Bottom/West End neighborhoods, The George Washington University strives to be a vital part of the community.

Questions? Call Jane Lingo at (202) 994-6466

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Whitehurst Freeway Project Manager, Archeologist Make Presentations

Tom Burke, the DPW Project Manager for the Whitehurst Freeway reconstruction, appeared at the September 30 meeting of the FBA to speak to the concerns of local residents. His presentation was preceded by a talk by Elizabeth Crowell, an archeologist working under contract with DPW and the Park Service studying areas impacted by the freeway work under the federal Archeological Resources Preservation Act.

The reconstruction work is being done under a \$28 million contract with strong financial incentives to finish within 18 months, by the end of 1997. Two dead-end ramps are being removed and a third relocated. That demolition work began in October, and involves substantial nighttime noise, according to Burke.

He gave assurances that there would be no pedestrian tunnel under the freeway, as earlier proposed, and that the area under the K Street abutment that had been used in the past as an encampment by homeless persons would be walled off. In addition, he stated that as many trees as possible would be planted in the median strip, to replace those which had been removed at the outset of the construction. There will be green space designed by a landscape architect for about 300 feet where the dead-end ramps are being removed, and a new park at the Virginia end of the Key Bridge.

He acknowledged that there had been problems with the pedestrian crossing at 25th Street, where planned lighting signals had not been available and the project had not been delayed to wait for them. The "jury-rigged" system now in place does not always get the attention of drivers, who are focused on the lane signs and other traffic. Maria Tyler, ANC Commissioner dealing with DPW on Whitehurst issues, said that Gary Burch of DPW had told the committee that there should be warning signs leading to the lights at 25th Street.

DPW is hoping to install pedestrian-actuated crossing lights at 26th Street, but Mr. Burke estimated the odds of a feasibility finding at only 50%.

The sidewalks on the south side of K Street between 25th and 27th Street would be relocated and widened according to Burke. However, as he described the change, the sidewalk would be separate from and lower than K Street, generating

some concern about safety of pedestrians. That had been addressed by the steering committee at earlier meetings with Mr. Burke, and they are urging that the sidewalk be built at the normal 6 inches above the roadway.

After the current project is completed, Mr. Burke said that the 24th Street bridge would be reconstructed.

Archeologist Elizabeth Crowell presented slides depicting the structures and artifacts that had been uncovered in the area impacted by the freeway reconstruction. These included many tools and vessels from the Prehistoric period (mostly from

the Woodland Period from 1000 BC to European contact). There were also many artifacts from the early periods of Georgetown, when it was a tobacco center and then a milling, masonry, brewing and lime kiln area.

Structures uncovered included the house of Thomas Peter, related to the Custis family, a lager beer cellar, a lime kiln and a planing mill.

Some 50,000 artifacts have been removed and are in the process of being studied and cataloged. A report, including a summary in a form accessible to non-experts, will result.

Michael Thomas

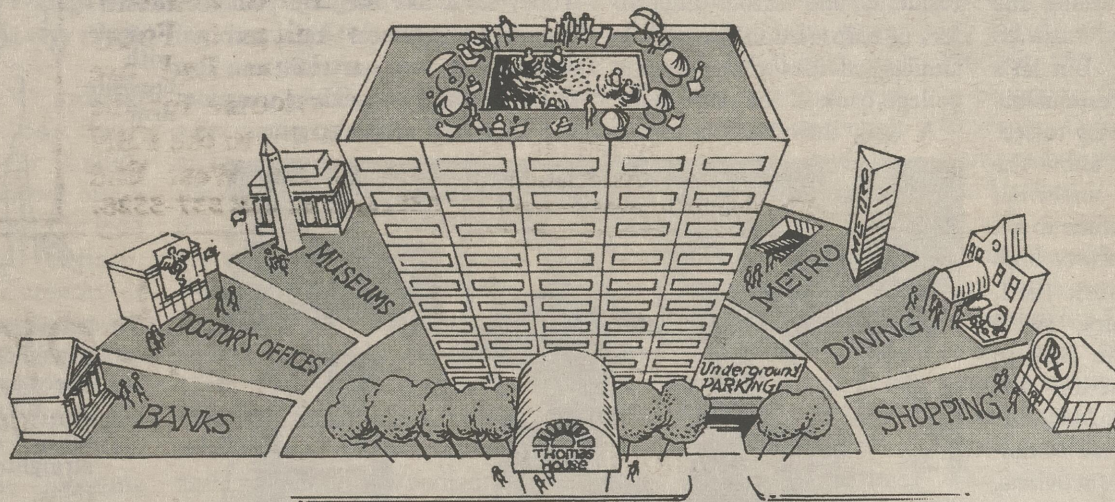


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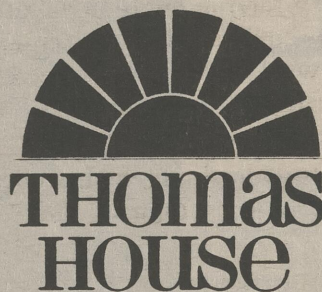


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Students and GWU Administration — Two Different Species

As a longtime homeowner and booster of FB, the undersigned was brought up when money was tight and homework and chores came before anything else. A home was precious, cared for, and a source of pride, and many of us in Foggy Bottom still harbor those sentiments. The Observer (who is *not* the undersigned) is one of those, and the article this month about what is happening to Foggy Bottom reflects the frustration that resident is feeling, and the Observer is not alone.

In the article we are seeing the worst, not seeing the other students who are model residents, and not seeing the "unmodel" adults who can be just as irresponsible. But let's face it — the irresponsible students are pretty easy to see.

But I want to talk about the other students, the somewhat silent majority who come to get an education, pay pretty high tuition and fees, work hard, write lots of papers, sweat through exams, take part in various extracurricular activities, and graduate. Along the way they socialize, take advantage of this great city's activities, and go their way we hope enriched by the experience.

We in Foggy Bottom should realize they are here to stay, and recognize the good things they do. They publish a newspaper independent of the university and sell advertising for it, learning valuable lessons; they support all kinds of good causes, do volunteer work of all kinds, participate in marches and charity runs and walks, use their talents

to entertain at free or low-cost concerts and theatrical productions; they run for campus offices, practicing politics on that level, as well as supporting various political causes and candidates. They even "politick" for causes close to "where they live," such as the recent rally against the D.C. Council's parking legislation enacted to impact them and students at Georgetown.

And we also know, or should know, of the efforts the students are making through the Student Association: neighborhood cleanups (see photo); sponsoring historic tours; the recent picnic and dance for students and residents, and various other offers of help. (I don't recall any similar activities when I went to college back in the dark ages.)

A long introduction to my

point: they are here and among us; most are trying hard to do what's right, are likeable (even through their taste in compact discs might not be); and they are NOT the university administration — that's a different species altogether.

The University administration runs a big business, is a huge employer, and its development policies and practices are bound to and often do run counter to residents' wishes.

These policies over the years led to a lack of housing for their students on campus and what many of us feel to be an emphasis on office space rather than living space. Like all big businesses, their practices are often carried out with a big development stick, not always with tact (can't say they're alone in that lack), and sometimes seem to (or do) try to bend the law to their advantage (nothing new in this town!)

Suggestion for this year: Enjoy the enjoyable students, try to "educate" the less enjoyable ones, and try not to blame them because they are spread out among us. Treat them, as Don Tobey says, like they are your friends' or neighbors' kids, and separate they way you treat them from the way you decide to treat the university administration.



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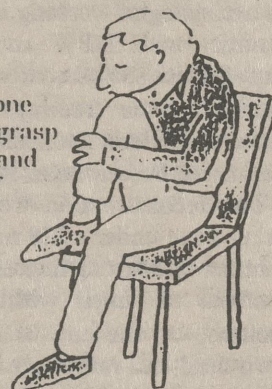
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Rennie Remembers... Dover, Delaware

Another bus trip! This time with Encore, Inc., run by Marilyn Rubin of Columbia Plaza. The weather was perfect, a cool and sunny fall day. After I and the others were picked up, we headed for our destination — Dover, the capital of Delaware. Our first stop there was at the oldest "State House" in continuous use in the U.S.A. The first building had been built in 1792, remodeled several times over the following century and fully restored in 1976. The large room on the first floor is set up, as it had been years ago, for jury trials. There are individual mahogany desks with ink stands and quill pens, and green-pointed Windsor-type chairs for the three judges presiding and the lawyers involved. The accused and a sheriff would sit in the rear portion of this section, which was surrounded by a wooden railing. The public was allowed to come in to observe. Even the witnesses would be inside during the trial (unlike the procedure we know of today, i.e. now, witnesses are kept outside of the court rooms until called for their testimonies).

We strolled around the "Green" (where the "State House" is located), over to the "Museum of American Art," a collection of the founder, Sewell C. Biggs. Originally the building was the "Kent County Levy Court House," erected in 1828 for housing state records. All of the paintings and statuary were by American artists (colonial portraits to 20th-century Impressionism). Handsome furniture and artistic silver tea sets, created by Delaware and Philadelphia

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craftsmen of the colonial and federal periods, were also on exhibit. Comments were made by most of us on the many beautiful paintings that were reminiscent of European impressionists. It was evident that this art museum was very much enjoyed by us.

Lunch was next. We drove to the lovely "Blue Coat Inn" (overlooking Silver Lake), where we were ushered into a private dining room. The food we had selected (shrimp, scallops, Chicken Florentine or Crab Imperial, served with salad, rolls, tea/coffee and dessert) was delicious, and the service prompt and courteous. No complaints!

The tour of the "Meeting House Galleries" was taken after our lunch break. "Gallery II" is housed in the 1790 Presbyterian Church on the "Meeting House Square," part of the plan of Dover laid out by William Penn in 1717. The col-

orful stained-glass windows drew my attention immediately upon entering. A sweet young guide greeted us and spoke about the various exhibits of occupations in the early 1900s (demonstrating the art of printing on a large, old machine, as well as showing us colonial tools, etc.) At Gallery I, there is a fascinating exhibit of Delaware archaeology, i.e., excavated artifacts from the Island Field Site, a Native-American burial ground near Bower's Beach. There are five known Native-Americans who had settled in Delaware, from 12,000 B.C. to 1750! The names of these Indians are: Paleo Indian (earliest inhabitants); Archaic (hunters and gatherers); Woodland I (sedentary life beginnings); Woodland II (cultural diversity); and Contact (acculturation). Also, we learned that the Dutch settled in Delaware in 1631, the Swedish in 1639, the English in 1664, and, finally, in 1776 the

Americans.

We then had a pleasant visit at the Johnson Victrola Museum. Eldrige R. Johnson was an inventor, businessman, and founder of the Victor Talking Machine Company, Camden, New Jersey. Here is an extensive collection of all types and sizes of talking machines, Victrolas, stacks of 78-rpm records of famous singers and orchestras, and other memorabilia of Mr. Johnson. Remember seeing "Nipper," the dog sitting next to a Victorla in the ads years ago? He is on display here as a large painted figure sitting next to a Victrola, as well as in framed paintings and cartoons. Our friendly guide played a recording by Caruso and one march by Souza. Delightful!

We were driven over to the current Governor's house ("Woodburn Mansion") to see the interior of the first floor only (it is not a museum, of course). Governor Thomas Carper was

out on the larger "Green" near the mansion, where the Annual State Handicrafts Festival was being held. The house was built in the Georgian-style, around 1790, by Charles Hillyard III. It was sold many times before being purchased by the State in 1965 (for \$65,000) and officially becoming the home of the Governor. Colonial period furnishing along with Delft, Lenox and Stafford china were visible, as well as exquisite Baccarat crystal chandeliers and Persian rugs. Since we had a half hour before leaving Dover, we strolled about the "Green" to see the many appealing handicrafts (unfortunately, I did not have my credit card). Returned to Washington empty-handed, but my heart and soul were full because of this enjoyable day with friendly people and exciting sights in charming Dover. Next time Encore has this tour advertised, do call and reserve!

Rennie Melonson

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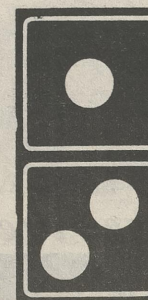
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Foggy Bottom Folks

A recent issue of *By George*, a GWU publication, featured a profile of the Claridge's **Don Tobey**, also a former member of the FBA Executive Board. Don is a former businessman, an inveterate letter writer, and mostly but not always a booster of GWU, especially the students. (He is often one of them himself, as he continues to take courses under the university's program for seniors.) A sample of his student-boosting is elsewhere in this issue.

Don is also a willing worker for community and political issues, especially when they don't interfere with his duties as a grandfather.

Also in that issue of *By George* was a "Gelman Guide" for faculty members and other Gelman Library Users. The twelve-page insert covers a myriad of topics about the facility, which is also available to members of the Foggy Bottom community. A call to **Jane Lingo**, 994-6466, might well result in a copy of the guide if it is of interest. (Jane is with GWU's University Relations staff, and acts as liaison with the Foggy Bottom community. She has been with the university a bunch of years and can usually locate almost any information you need.)

Last month we applauded the handiwork of a healthy list of residents whose yards were a pleasure to see this summer. I don't want to ignore some of the buildings whose management and/or residents contributed to beautification of our area as well. Not only was the floral and foliage landscaping in the front and side of **Potomac Plaza Terraces** bordering on the spec-

tacular, one especially healthy crepe myrtle in the back treated the eye with its many blossoms. **St. Stephen Martyr Church's** side yard showed the dedication of what I think was a pair of gardeners, with new flower beds and the greenest of grass. The **Bader's** terrace bloomed anew, and the **Watergate's** massed im-



patients brightened that corner once more. And to the others I can't think of at the moment — thanks for your efforts.

You will see in the *Neighborhood Datebook* an unusual event listed. It is a session at the Museum of American History on the history of women's exercise/gym clothes "from bloomers to bodysuits." It was just too hard to resist spreading the word about such an important piece of American history!

Ron Eng reports that he, **Dawn Klausner**, **Isaac Armstead** and **Paul Konopka** were joined by **Toni Boyer** of St. Mary's Court to form an Americans in Admiration of Princess Di. The "welcome group" gathered at the Embassy of Brazil, where Di "crashed," and at the **Nina Hyde Breast Cancer Gala** at the National

Building Museum. They were reported seen on local TV Channels 4, 5, 7 and 9. Of course, prior to their sojourn, they loaded up with goodies from **Shahla's Foggy Bottom 7-11**.

GWU President **Stephen Joel Trachtenberg** was sworn in this summer as a member of the newly formed District of Col-

umbia Tax Revision Commission. He was appointed by Mayor Barry and will serve without compensation for a nine-month term. The commission is composed of 17 persons, experts in the field of taxation, community representatives such as members of labor unions, public interest groups, civic associations and tenant and housing groups, as well as representatives of business. GWU, according to the press release, is the largest private employer in the District.

Two of the School Without Walls' teachers **Gloria Cobbs** and **Emily Washington** were reported by Columnist **Adrienne Washington** as two of the founders of the Coalition to Save D.C. Public Schools. The organization of teachers, parents and students aims to work on the problems "beyond cosmetic solutions." School Without Walls is our neighborhood senior high school.

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IONA Senior Services, which serves seniors in Foggy Bottom and other areas, needs volunteers for its Home Care Support program, Medical Claims Assistants and Friendly Visitors. Among the duties are visits to an isolated older person recovering from an illness or accident, grocery and/or prescription shopping, and checking on paid help. Call Mary Teresa at IONA (Independence, Opportunity, a Network for Aging) at 202-966-1055.

Suited For Change Nearby

An organization entitled Suited for Change has a facility at 17th and Eye Streets, N.W., and is dedicated to assisting low-income women and others seeking employment to have successful interviews. The organization collects clothing and accessories and assists women in selecting appropriate clothing for interviews and job sites; and provides training to increase employment potential. Volunteers are needed to work on a one-on-one basis with clients who, having completed job training programs, are referred to them for assistance, and to help with clothing drives (Saturday mornings, once every other month), plan and lead seminars, and assist with fundraising and other projects and duties. Call 202-293-0351 for information.

Correction in Project Northstar Phone Number

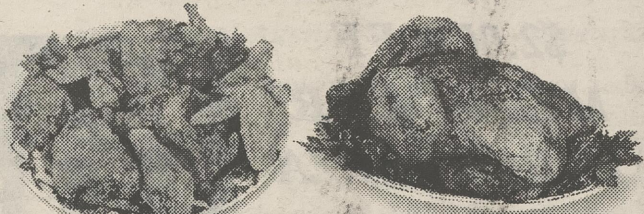
In last month's issue an incorrect phone number was listed for Project Northstar, a tutoring program for homeless children conducted at Francis Jr. High School at 24th & N Streets, N.W. For information concerning this program, call the correct number: 202-223-0144.

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Whitehurst Tunnel Stirs Controversy

The decision by the Department of Public Works (DPW) officials to eliminate a 26th Street pedestrian tunnel from the Whitehurst Freeway plans has produced objections from 25th Street resident Alan L. Ingle. He has written and circulated widely two letters on the subject, the later of which is reproduced below, followed by a reply from the group which met with DPW officials to go over details of the Whitehurst plans.

Gary A. Burch is Chief, Design, Engineering and Construction for DPW, and appeared at the September meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A. Thomas Burke is the project manager for the Whitehurst reconstruction, and appeared at the September meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association.

Mr. Gary A. Burch
Mr. Thomas Burke

Re: Whitehurst Freeway
Underpass Exclusion

Messrs. Burch and Burke ... I was quite surprised to learn from you at the ANC-2A meeting on Wednesday, September 18, that your decision to exclude the 26th Street underpass is final. . . . particularly since my telephone conversation with you a couple of weeks ago indicated that while the construction plans removed the tunnel, it could be reinstated given a majority request by the community. . . . and further, you indicated that in your professional judgment, the tunnel was a good idea.

I think the majority of the residents of the community, the vast majority of those I have talked with, want to see means of crossing K Street and the Whitehurst route. Your decision to remove the underpass is arbitrary and capricious. I ques-

tion your professional judgment in listening to 3 or 4 individuals who are known to be negatively inciteful regarding community issues, instead of understanding the logical, realistic explanation of the community at large regarding need.

Finally, for you to indicate that there is an option for a stand-alone project at a later time to install an underpass is deceitful, since all of us with a technical background know that such a project will not realistically ever happen as a stand alone project.

Due to your arbitrary and capricious act, the majority of us in the community, particularly senior citizens, children and physically challenged, will be forced to push a button for a light at one of 2 or 3 "out of the way" intersections and then make their way across the street through heavy traffic at some risk to all parties involved.

I say with all due respect, you have not done the District of Columbia or the Foggy Bottom community justice in this regard.

Al Ingle

Dear Mr. Ingle:

The Steering Committee deems it necessary to respond to your September 23, 1996 letter on the above subject to Mr. Gary Burch, DPW, which you copied to our Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner Maria Tyler, a member of the Steering Committee. Your letter, circulated to a wide range of people in our neighborhood and city, used abusive language when referring to Mr. Burch and members of the Committee, misrepresented the size and constituency of the Committee, and reached unsupported conclusions regarding the effect of not providing for the reopening of the underpass/tunnel.

Mr. Burch's integrity and competence need no defense from the Committee. While

some of our members have had significant differences with Mr. Burch from time to time over the past several years, his character and capabilities were never in question.

Your letter refers to "3 or 4 individuals who are known to be negatively inciteful regarding community issues." You could hardly be further from the truth. The least of your errors is understating by a large factor the number of people who identified the problems and who formed the Steering Committee. Its full name is "The Steering Committee of the Residential Blocks of K Street, N.W. and Adjacent Areas on the Whitehurst Freeway Reconstruction." Far more significantly, you fail to recognize that the Committee, composed of representatives of the Boards of Directors of numerous buildings on K Street and of nearby residents, represents the interests (including especially the safety) of hundreds of property owners and residents in the immediate area of the tunnel.

It was this Committee, representing the great number of residents who would suffer from the crime and filth that the underpass would again generate if it were reopened, that first raised the problems of the underpass with Mr. Burch and worked hard with him to resolve it. You are a recent resident of Foggy Bottom and may not know that in 1992 the underpass was closed after extensive and open public debate following the community's outcry against this locus of crime and filth.

No one needed to "incite" residents in opposition to the underpass. The police clearly stated that they could not control this crime area. As Mr. Burch explained to you, informed public administrators believe that public safety and sanitary conditions cannot be guaranteed in such structures.

Finally, your letter presumes there is no reasonable alternative for crossing K Street. The Committee has been alert to the desirability of improving the grade-level crossing situation.

The crossing at 25th Street is only one block from the closed tunnel and any inconvenience the short detour might present to a few people cannot outweigh the real concerns for the recurrence of crime if the underpass were to be reopened. The Committee has already obtained the agreement of DPW to a number of measures that will improve conditions for pedestrian crossing at 25th & K Street. The Committee has also recommended an on-demand light for the pedestrian crossing at 26th

and K Streets, which is under study by DPW. But even if this light is not installed, an underpass/tunnel is not a viable option. In addition, the pedestrian crossings at 27th & K Streets are to be improved greatly, thereby more easily linking Foggy Bottom and Georgetown.

You are entitled to your own view. However, you represent few in the area that would suffer from the adverse effects of a tunnel. It is regrettable that the weaknesses of your arguments induced you to make unfounded and insulting personal attacks on residents acting to protect the community from crime and filth.

Charles Farbstein for
The Steering Committee

Women's Board Schedules Holiday Sale



In planning its Holiday Sale, the Women's Board of GWU Hospital had its Foggy Bottom and GWU neighbors in mind. The Sale will feature decorations and gifts for Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanza — religious items, wreaths, an array of stuffed animals and other toys, plus large assortments of miscellaneous items suitable for holiday gifts or for giving at any time of the year. Also offered will be cookies, cakes, breads, and other goodies. In addition, the Lobby Gift Shop will be stocked with seasonable merchandise such as greeting cards, candies, fresh flowers, toiletries, sweaters, costume jewelry, watches, and much, much more.

The sale will take place in the main lobby of the Hospital on Friday, November 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All merchandise will be new, carefully selected and priced to please everyone's pocketbook. Mark your calendar! If you were among the shoppers at the Holiday Sale last year, you will recall that your time and dollars were well spent. The event this year will be bigger and better and may not only save you time and energy but also dollars to spend on a gift for yourself.

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Jack Evans
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"Our neighborhoods are Ward 2's greatest asset — we must strengthen and protect them."

The Evans Record

- Sought enforcement of zoning laws to balance residential interests, commercial development and social service needs
- Authored and passed numerous laws to combat littering
- Led successful efforts to strengthen and extend rent controls

"City services should not suffer because of mismanaged bureaucracies."

The Evans Record

- Ensured prompt and consistent payment to AIDS service providers and strengthened the City's needle exchange program
- Active in restoration of Ward 2 parks and playgrounds; secured renovation of streets, sidewalks and bridges
- Active in restoration of Volta, Hardy and Rose recreation centers; secured renovation of M and Q Streets and Wisconsin Avenue
- Led efforts to increase the number of solid waste collectors and inspectors

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- Pioneered efforts to launch a new sports arena, convention center and opera house
- Led repeated successful efforts to repeal residential property taxes
- Authored law to freeze D.C. income tax and supported federal flat tax proposal

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- Fire Fighters Association of D.C.
- Fraternal Order of Police
- Gertrude Stein Democratic Club
- Hotel Association of Washington
- Hotel & Restaurant Employees, Local 25, AFL-CIO
- Medical Society of D.C.
- Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington
- Sierra Club/New Columbia Chapter
- Ward 2 Democrats
- As in 1992, awarded the highest rating of any candidate by the Gay & Lesbian Activists Alliance

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August, 1996

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- Pioneered efforts to prioritize government spending and cut D.C. government payroll
- Advocated elimination of D.C. School of Law and streamlining of UDC
- Proposed new management structures for D.C. General Hospital, Lorton Correctional Facility and Blue Plains Sewage Treatment Plant

"Our government must ensure personal security for all citizens."

The Evans Record

- Fought successfully for extra police details, neighborhood substations and fire company units
- Advocates consistently for a fully-staffed police force of 4,500 officers
- Strengthened the City's response to anti-Gay and Lesbian violence
- Worked at length to ensure passage and implementation of anti-panhandling laws
- Authored and led passage of anti-prostitution laws and created task force to monitor implementation

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